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interstate commerce, and interstate commerce is peculiarly the field of the seneral government. It is an absurdity to expect to eliminate the abuses in great corporations by State action. It is difficult to be patient with an argument that such matters should be left to the States because more than one State pursues the policy of creating on easy terms corporations which are never operated within that State at all, but in other States whose laws they ignore. The national government alone can deal adequately with those great corporations. To try deal with them in an intemperate, destructive or demagogle spirit would just a probability mean that nothing whatever

destrible that small vacant places be purchased and reserved as small parky playgrounds in densely settled sections of the city, which now have no public open spaces and are destined soon to be built up solidly. All these needs should be met immediately. To meet them would entail expense, but a corresponding saving could be made by stopping the building of streets and leveling of ground for purposes largely speculative in outlying parts of the city.

There are certain offenders whose criminality takes the shape of brutality and cruelty towards the weak, who need a special type of punishment. The wifebenter, for example, is inadequately punished by imprisonment, for imprisonment may often mean nothing to him, while it may cause hunger and want to the wife and children who have been the victims of his brutality. Probably some form of corporal punishment would be the most adequate way of meeting this kind of crime.

Agriculture.

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The Department of Agriculture has grown into an educational institution, with a faculty of two thousand specialists making research into all the selences of production. The Congress appropriates, directly and indirectly, six millions of dollars annually to carry on this work. It reaches every State and Territory in the Union and the islands of the sea lately come under our flag. Wooperation is had with the State experiment stations and with many other institutions and individuals. The world is carefully searched for new varieties of grains, fruits, grasses, vegetables, trees and shrubs sultable to various localities in our country, and marked benefit to our producers has resulted.

Irrigation.

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During the two and a half years that have clapsed since the passage of the reclamation act rapid progress has been made in the surveys and examinations of the opportunities for reclamation in the thirteen States and three Territories of the arid West. Construction has already been begun on the irrigation works, and plans are being completed for works wisch will utilize the funds now available. The operations are being carried on by the accelamation Service, a corps of engineers selected through competitive civilservice examinations.

Forests.

It is the cardinal principle of the forest-reserve policy of this administration that the reserves are for use. Whatever interferes with the use of their resources is to be avoided by every possible means. But these resources must be used in such a these resources must be used in such a though the wisdom of creating forest way as to make them permunent.

Although the wisdom of creating forest reserves is nearly everywhere heartly recognized, yet in a few localities there has been misunderstanding and complaint.

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In the Postoffice Department the service has increased in efficiency, and conditions as to revenue and expenditure centime satisfactory. The increase of revenue during the year was \$9,358,181,10, or 6.9 per cent, the total receipts amounting to \$14,332,242,31. The expenditures were \$152,362,116,70, an increase of about nine per cent, over the previous year, being thus \$8,75,942,36 in excess of the current revenue. Included in these expenditures was a total appropriation of \$12,256,637,35 for the continuation and extension of the rural free delivery service, which was an increase of \$4,002,237,55 over the amount expended for this purpose in the preceding iscal year. Large 38 this expenditure has been, the beneficent results attained in extending the free distribution of mails to the residents of rural districts have justified the wisdom of the outlay. Statistics brought down to that date here were \$7,138 rural outles estimitions and that there were pending at that there were pending at that there were pending at that the same of from post-outlands and that there were pending at that the 3,839 pelitions for the establishment of new pural routes. Unquestionably some part of the general increase in receibles which the rural service has afforded. The revenues have also been aided greatly by amendments in the classification of mail matter and the curtailing privilege. The average increase in the volume of mail matter for the period beginning with 1902 and ending June, 196, (that portion for 1905 being estimated) is 40.47 per cent., as compared with 25,49 per cent, for the period immediately preceding, and 15,32 for the four-year period immediately preceding that the care and the substitute for fees.

Consular Service.

Our consular system needs improvement. Salarles should be substituted for fees, and the proper classification, grading and transfer of consular officers should be provided. I am not prepared to say that a competitive system of examinations for appointment would work well, but by law it should be previded that consuls should be familiar, according to places for which they apply, with the French, German or Spanish languages, and should possess acquaintance with the resources of the United States.

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In every generation from the time this Government was founded men of foreign birth have stood in the very foremost rank of good citizenship, and that in the fold good citizenship, and that in exemplation of some the man whose parents can activity; while to try to draw a distinction between the man whose parents came to this country and the man whose parents can expect the control of the control back is a mere absurdity. Good American is a matter of heart, of conscience, of lotty aspiration, of sound common of lotty aspiration, of sound common sense, but not of birthplace or of creed. The modal of honor, the highest piet to be won by those who serve in the to be won by those who serve in the Army and Navy of the United States decorates men born here, and it also decorates men born in Great Britain and Irr. France, and doubtless in other countries also. In the field of statesmanship, in the field of s

is doomed.

Port Arthur Fallen?

The latest reports from Che Foo say that Port Arthur

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Naturalization Laws Should be

Congress. Where possible the Congress should aid in the construction of needed wagon roads. Additional lighthouses should be provided. In my judgment, it is especially important to aid in such manner as seems just and feasible in the construction of a trunk line of railway to connect the Gulf of Alaska with the Yukon River through American territory. This would be most beneficial to the development of the resources of the Territory and to the comfort and welfare of its people.

Salmon hatcheries should be established in many different streams so as to seem the preservation of this valuable food fish. Salmon fisheries and canneries should be prohibited on certain of the rivers where the mass of those indians dwell who live almost exclusively on dish.

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The Alaskan natives are kindly, intelligent, anxious to learn and willing to work. The needs of these people are:

The abolition of the present fee system, whereby the native is degraded, imposed upon and taught the injustice of law.

The establishment of hospitals at central points s. that contagious diseases that are brought to them continually by nicoming whites may be localized any incoming whites may be localized any endeath and destitution over great areas.

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The Alaskan natives should be given the right to acquire, hold and dispose of property upon the same conditions as given other inhabitants, and the privilege of altizenship should be given to such as may be able to meet certain definite requirements. In Hawaii Congress should give the Governor power to remove all the officials appointed under him. The harbor of Honolius should be dredged. The Marine Hospital Service should be empowered to study leprosy in the islands. I ask special consideration for the report and recommendations of the Governor of Porto Rico.

Foreign Policy.

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In treating of our foreign policy and of the attitude that this great nation should assume in the world at large, it is absolutely necessary to consider the army and the congress, through which the thought of the nation finds its expression, should keep over twidly in mind the fundamental fact that it is impossible to treat our foreign policy whether this policy takes shape in the effort to secure

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